



City Tests Emergency Preparedness in Major Training Exercise

"WE ARE FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMPREHENSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY. SEATTLE, ITS EMPLOYEES, AND RESIDENTS WILL BENEFIT GREATLY," SAID MAYOR NICKELS.

Beginning on Monday, May 12, 2003, and running continuously through Wednesday, May 14, 2003, Seattle will host a congressionally mandated, national counter-terrorism exercise.

Seattle's involvement in the TOPOFF exercise is part of Mayor Greg Nickels' ongoing commitment to becoming the most prepared city in America. By engaging our police, firefighters, health system workers, city officials, and communities in cutting-edge training, the City enhances its level of readiness.

The City of Seattle, in conjunction with King County, Washington State, and a variety of Federal agencies, will participate in this exercise, known as "Top Officials" or "TOPOFF." In addition to Seattle, Chicago, Ill., and Washington D.C. will also host TOPOFF exercise events, making TOPOFF the most comprehensive exercise in the country.

Most of the exercise will take place at a single site in south Seattle, just west of the Tully's roasting plant (the former Rainier Brewery). This site is bordered on the east by Airport Way and on the west by Sixth Avenue South. You should avoid this area as some city streets will be closed during the exercise. In addition, some aspects of the exercise will take place in Magnolia and West Seattle. **All businesses in the exercise areas will remain open for business as usual.** ♦

WHAT YOU MAY SEE

Our police, firefighters, health workers and others will be "acting" in the exercise as they would in a real event. This means that between May 12 and 14, you may see them in your business area or neighborhood, wearing "moonsuits", collecting environmental samples, etc. **This is an important part of the exercise process and should not be cause for alarm.**

Personnel engaged in the TOPOFF exercise, including their vehicles, will be clearly identified as such. If you have questions, please contact our Citizens Service Bureau at 684-CITY (684-2489).



You may see city staff in moonsuits similar to these in West Seattle and Magnolia during the exercise.

Pilot Program To Help Neighbors Complete Projects with Race Relations and Social Justice Benefits

The Department of Neighborhoods has developed a pilot program to fund grassroots projects dealing with Race Relations and Social Justice.

TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S RACE RELATIONS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AGENDA, AND IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND, THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS WILL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR LOCALLY GROWN, SELF-HELP PROJECTS THAT:

1. improve awareness, understanding, and relations between different racial or ethnic groups and foster positive interaction between groups; or
2. raise awareness and address issues of equity, fairness, and access related to education, health care, employment, job training, housing, public health, and the environment.

Funding of up to \$15,000 will be provided for at least ten projects during this one-year pilot project. Like all Neighborhood Matching Fund projects, a proposed Race Relations/Social Justice project should be designed and implemented with the goal of being a community building project that results in creating stronger bonds and connections between people and creates stronger communities.

This pilot program will help determine what can be done at a grassroots level, by mostly volunteer-run organizations, to promote and support dealing with issues of race relations and social justice. It is our hope that the Neighborhood Matching Fund can provide an incentive to neighborhoods across the city to help move forward conversations about race and race relations from words to action.

Request for Proposal packets are available for distribution and a technical assistance workshop for prospective applicants will be held Tuesday, May 27 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Miller Community Center, located at 330 19th Avenue East. Funding decisions and notification of awards will be made by early August and projects will have a year for completion.

Call (206) 684-0719 for more information or to request an RFP/information packet. ♦

New Mapping GIS Staffer Joins Department

By Sid Sidorowicz, Research and Prevention Office

The Research and Prevention Office of the Department of Neighborhoods welcomes a new staff member, TJ Moore, who will be providing Geographic Information Services (GIS) support to the department. What's a Geographic Information System analyst do? TJ takes information that is scattered in a variety of databases, and tries to analyze how characteristics of that data are distributed around the city.

Information displayed and analyzed in this way helps us answer important questions about the services we provide. Where are our clients congregated? How do they relate to the location of projects we support? Should we be targeting our resources in some other way? How successful are city programs and interventions?



TJ is involved in several key priorities of the Department. He's provided analysis we've used to look at how the Neighborhood Matching Fund projects are distributed around the city with respect to the income and demographic characteristics of neighborhoods. He's also providing support to staff defining Alcohol impact Areas, and has been helping us develop indicators for measuring the success of youth and family programs.

Funds to support this GIS capacity for the Department of Neighborhoods originally come from the Federal COMPASS project. Mayor Greg Nickels has embraced the use of this approach to support some of his priorities including the Race and Social Justice, and Youth Initiatives. Additional funds were provided to the Department to continue this function. ♦

Remaining Neighborhood Matching Fund 2003 Deadlines



Small and Simple

Projects Fund:

July 21 and October 20

Neighborhood Matching Fund applications are available from our offices in the Arctic Building at 700 3rd Avenue in downtown Seattle, at your local Neighborhood Service Center, and on the internet. For a complete set of guidelines, lists of projects, and applications online, go to www.cityofseattle.net/neighborhoods and click on "Neighborhood Matching Fund."

Clean Seattle Initiative Heads South

Want to help revitalize a neighborhood in just a couple hours? Come out to the next Clean Seattle Initiative – Mayor Greg Nickels' interdepartmental effort in partnership with business, civic organizations, and citizen volunteers to make our city a more livable place. The next Clean Seattle event will take place in Beacon Hill. Mayor Greg Nickels will host. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, rain gear (just in case), and a smile!



Day: Saturday

May 31

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: TBD

For more information, call Neighborhood District Coordinator Glenn Harris at (206) 233-2044 or e-mail glenn.harris@seattle.gov

City Responds to Reduce Risk of West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a mosquito-borne illness affecting birds, horses, other animals, and sometimes humans. As of this writing, no human cases have been reported in Washington State. The City of Seattle is working closely with public health officials to help inform the public about how to reduce mosquito-breeding habitat and how to reduce the possibility of mosquito bites.

The City is evaluating its facilities to reduce standing water, which could provide potential mosquito-breeding habitat. The City is also following an integrated pest management approach that protects the environment through the use of natural mosquito predators and mechanical controls. The City is sampling to detect if mosquito larvae are present and may ap-

ply larvicide on City-owned property, if appropriate. For more information, go to www.seattle.gov/environment/WestNile.htm

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS' RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Empty anything that holds standing water at least once a week – old tires, empty flower pots, etc.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outside at dawn or dusk (times when mosquitoes are most active).
- Ensure that window and door screens are in good repair.
- Consider using insect repellent. Always follow the directions on the label.

For more information, call the Public Health – Seattle & King County West Nile Virus hotline at (206) 205-3883 or go to www.metrokc.gov/health/westnile ♦

Mayor's Neighborhood Tours

Every month, the department's Neighborhood District Coordinators organize in-depth tours of a Seattle neighborhood for Mayor Greg Nickels. The tours are a chance for the mayor, residents and community leaders to see and discuss what's going on in each area, from construction and areas of concern, to economic development and arts projects.

In March, Neighborhood District Coordinator John Leonard and residents of the Queen Anne and Uptown neighborhoods played host to the Mayor, showing him the new Uptown Neighborhood Center, residents' preferred site and route for a monorail station, Mercer Corridor transportation issues, vacant school district properties, and a planned mixed use development site. The tour continued with stops at a grocery store redevelopment project, a future neighborhood park site, and a visit with residents in the Bayview Manor Retirement Apartments and a child care center there.

The next tour will take place in the Central Area on Thursday, May 29, from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, contact Central Neighborhood Development Coordinator Ted Divina at (206) 233-7257 or via email at ted.divina@seattle.gov ♦



Mayor Visits Bayview Manor Retirement Apartments in Queen Anne

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CORRECTION

Last issue's story on the Ballard P-Patch incorrectly stated that the Thyme Patch is the first time in the City of Seattle that a P-Patch has been built in a city park. In fact, the Department of Neighborhoods and the Department of Parks and Recreation have collaborated in recent years on several other park/garden locations, including Bradner Park Gardens, Magnuson Community Garden, and Trolley Hill Park. New ones are coming soon as well, Longfellow Creek, Lincoln Park Annex, and P-Patches are located on dozens of other parks throughout the city.

Farmer's Market Season Returns in May

Eager for a fresh fruit fix? Your wait will soon be over. Most neighborhood farmers markets will return to the streets in May, including a new one in the Magnolia neighborhood organized by the Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance; a local non-profit organization that organizes and manages several "all farmers" markets in the University District, Columbia City, West Seattle and Lake City communities. The new Magnolia site opens in June.

According to Alliance Director Chris Curtis, King County farmers markets are again working with the Seattle King County Health Department to get more types of agricultural products into the markets. This season, market shoppers will be able to purchase fresh whole fish and shellfish, along with frozen salmon, halibut and tuna. Local farmers will also be providing frozen chicken, beef, pork and lamb. Legislation has recently passed out of the House and Senate in Olympia regarding the direct sale of bottled wine by Washington State's small vintners at Farmers Markets. If signed by Governor Locke, this bill would allow bottled wine sales at Farmers Markets in the fall.

Besides providing local producers with a great opportunity to maximize farm profits by selling directly to consumers instead of to middlemen, farmers and vendors also donate products to needy residents. In the 2002 season, farmers and vendors donated nearly 40,000 pounds of fresh produce and farm products to neighborhood food banks.

Dates and locations for several farmers markets are listed here. For information about the Ballard Farmers Market, contact the info line at (206) 634-2150 or visit www.ballardsundaymarket.com online. For information on all other markets listed, contact Chris Curtis at (206) 632-5234. ♦

BALLARD FARMERS MARKET

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sundays, May 11 – October 31

Place: Located in the 5000 Block of Ballard Ave.

WEST SEATTLE FARMERS MARKET

Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sundays, May 18 – November 23

Place: Located in the Alaska Junction on the corner of California and SW Alaska. In the parking lot behind Morton's Drugstore.

COLUMBIA CITY FARMERS MARKET

Time: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesdays, May 21 – October 15

Place: Located on the corner of Rainier Ave. South and So. Edmunds St. At Columbia Plaza, one block south of Columbia City Library.

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT FARMERS MARKET

Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturdays, May 24 – November 22,

Place: On the playfield at University Heights Center. Corner of NE 50th and University Way NE. Parking tokens available for one free hour of parking.

LAKE CITY FARMERS MARKET

Time: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Thursdays, May 29 - October 16

Place: Located near NE 125th and Lake City Way NE. In the parking lot behind the fire station.

MAGNOLIA FARMERS MARKET

Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturdays, June 21 – October 18

Place: Located in the parking lot in front of the Magnolia Community Center.
2550 34th Avenue West

P-Patch Program Partners For Outreach to Non-English Speaking Gardeners

By Bridget Enderlee, P-Patch

For the second season, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods P-Patch Program and Seattle Tilth Association have partnered to offer free Organic Gardening: The Basics courses to Seattle residents. The courses promote water quality and conservation by demonstrating alternative practices to pesticide-dependent gardening. Students gain hands-on knowledge about transforming their yards and P-Patches into productive and ecologically sound gardens! In addition to teaching fundamentals of organic gardening, the 2003

The Basics classes are intended to serve as an outreach tool.

After 30 years of serving Seattle community gardeners, reaching out to communities and individuals who have not yet enjoyed community gardening in Seattle's P-Patches, is a priority of the program. P-Patch seeks to address barriers to participation that may cause cultural groups, such as East African and Hispanic communities, to be underserved by the program. Thus, two of the three series have been tailored to acknowledge

barriers and make the courses more accessible and culturally relevant to Seattle's East African and Hispanic communities.

Seattle Tilth Association, the P-Patch Program, community educators and interpreters have collaborated on focusing class content on growing culturally relevant foods in Seattle's soil. While many Latin American, Central American and East African immigrants to Seattle are experienced agriculturalists, most of their familiarity is with hotter, drier and less spatially intensive conditions. Thus, by targeting courses to these communities, we hope to orient people to Seattle's conditions and assist them in transferring their agricultural knowledge to find

success in P-Patch community gardening. In addition, the structure of The Basics is informal and responsive to student participation, which allows flexibility for individual and cultural learning styles.

The 2003 courses also offer instruction in relevant languages to engage

community leaders, are publicized through culturally-relevant mediums, and are held in accessible locations. To reach the Hispanic community, Markos Toscanos Morales has brought his extensive experience to teaching one of the three class series in Spanish at the Marra Farm P-Patch. Marra Farm is agricultural land utilized collaboratively by the P-Patch Program, Fremont Public Association's Lettuce Link Program, Seattle Youth Garden Works, community organizations and volunteers of the South Park neighborhood. In addition to the farm, Seattle's South Park neighborhood is home to many Mexican immigrants. Thus, the classes are a way to invite the South Park neighborhood to Marra Farm to utilize this community resource and become involved in the P-Patch Program. In addition to posting fliers in the community with course information in Spanish, this





series has been publicized through local, Spanish language radio stations, newspapers, such as the *El Picador* and through Hispanic community organizations, such as Casa Latina and El Centro de la Raza.

To encourage participation from East African immigrant communities, Seattle Tilth Association instructor Laura Niemi works closely with P-Patch, and two leaders of Seattle's East African communities. Michael Neguse, Crime Prevention Specialist at the Yesler Terrace community, works successfully with the Cultivating Communities Program to in-

volve people in community gardening and garden development. For The Basics course in the NewHolly

community, Michael Neguse again leads outreach to Tigrinya and Amharic speakers, provides interpretation in the classes and has contributed to developing a modified curriculum that acknowledges cultural preferences. Sulega Mohammad, the Somali interpreter and outreach specialist for the series, has lived in and taught courses in the NewHolly community for years. Again, this collaboration is hoped to bring under-served people into the program and help them develop skills for success, and thus, long-term, consistent involvement.

Ultimately, these organic gardening courses help people new to community gardening in Seattle become successful. The courses also provide P-Patch an opportunity to develop relationships with communities that are under-served by the program, while engaging leaders from these communities as instructors, interpreters, and facilitators. All of which helps us to connect with and serve more Seattle residents with useful and culturally-relevant offerings.

For more information on these efforts or signing up for a gardening plot in your area, contact the Department of Neighborhoods' P-Patch office at (206) 684-0464. ♦

P-Patch 30th Anniversary event

About 150 people turned out to celebrate the beginning of the planting season for Seattle's community gardening program and 30 years of Community Gardening in Seattle. The event featured draft horses plowing the garden, scarecrow-making, Master Gardener booths and a variety of other activities at Picardo Farm P-Patch. Way to go P-Patch!



City Promotes Safer Streets With Summer Program

Seattle streets may be a little safer this summer thanks to a new campaign initiated by Councilmember Richard Conlin, Chair of the Transportation Committee. The pedestrian safety campaign, called "Pedestrian Summer," will be launched in May 2003 and continue through September with the goals of fostering more respect and civility between pedestrians and motorists, and improving driver behavior by increasing awareness about pedestrian safety.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL HAVE 4 COMPONENTS:

- Education about pedestrian safety
- Enforcement at targeted crosswalks by the Seattle Police Department
- Engineering with new pedestrian safety devices installed by the Seattle Department of Transportation
- Community involvement activities such as guided walking tours organized by pedestrian advocates and organizations

This campaign demonstrates the City's commitment to being pedestrian-friendly and encouraging walking as a vital mode of transportation, a healthy form of exercise, and a fun way to build community. It will also emphasize crosswalk laws, safety tips and the many benefits of walking in our beautiful city. "This is an attempt to transform driving culture in Seattle by making motorists aware of pedestrians. And pedestrians need to learn how to keep themselves safe," Councilmember Richard Conlin said.



The campaign has the strong support of Mayor Nickels, City departments and the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center along with many community organizations. In addition, the importance of the campaign's message was reinforced in late April when Mayor Nickels accepted the "Top 10 Best Walking Cities in America" award on behalf of the City from the American/Washington State Podiatric Medical Association (WSPMA) and Prevention Magazine.

For more information on Pedestrian Summer, contact Councilmember Richard Conlin's office at (206) 684-8805. ♦

Monorail Preferred Alternative Advances for Environmental Review Community Involvement Guides Planning Process

In April, the Seattle Monorail Project issued the Green Line Preferred Alternative for detailed study with other reasonable alternatives in an environmental impact statement (EIS). The Preferred Alternative identifies the Project staff's current recommendations for the Green Line alignment and station locations. This Preferred Alternative is not a decision. Based on the EIS, other technical evaluations, and on continuing feedback from the community, the Project will propose final alignment and station locations for a decision by the Board of Directors in December 2003.



The Seattle Monorail Project will continue to seek public involvement and plans to kick off community-based station planning in May, along with public meetings on the draft EIS this summer. The Preferred Alternative report is available at city libraries, on the Project's website: www.elevated.org or by calling (206) 382-1220. ♦

Getting School Ready Guide and Resource Kit Now Available

A child's learning starts at birth, and so does school readiness. If you have an infant, toddler, or preschooler at home, you should know that nearly half of all children entering kindergarten have difficulty making a successful transition. Children who are not school-ready tend to have lower test scores and are more likely to fail and repeat grades, be placed in special education classes, drop out of school, and have difficulties in the workplace as adults.

That's why Project Lift-Off has published a guide that suggests steps you can take to help your child prepare for success and offers information about what schools should do to prepare for the needs of their students. The Getting School Ready guide is now available at all branches of Seattle Public Library, King County Library, and all family centers, as well as the City of Seattle's Office for Education, Department of Neighborhoods, at 230 Arctic Building (206) 233-5118.

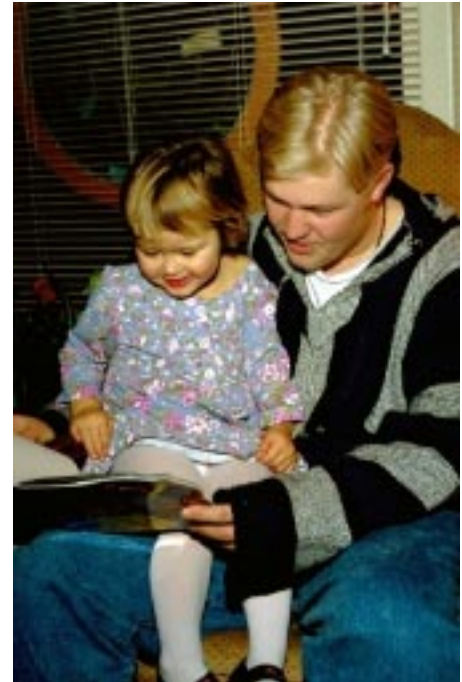
From the perspective of a child, the guide lets parents, childcare providers, and kindergarten teachers know what they can do to help children be ready for school and schools ready for children. The guide focuses on social and emotional skills, the importance of culture and language, keeping children safe and healthy, the importance of communications among the grown-ups in children's lives, how children learn, and using words and numbers.

The guide is printed in English and Spanish and will soon be available in Cambodian, Chinese, Russian, Somali, and Vietnamese and on audiotape in Cambodian, Oromo, and Somali. The English version is also available on the Getting School Ready Web site at www.gettingschoolready.org.

In addition to the Getting School Ready guide, a resource kit is available that can help parents and caregivers support children's learning, culture, and self-identity. The kit includes booklets, a video, and a music CD, plus a how-to guide for holding a community conversation about school readiness. It is available at public libraries and family centers throughout Seattle and King County.

The Getting School Ready project, guided by a team of more than 40 parents, early learning experts, community-based organizations, school representatives and others, is convened by Project Lift-Off, with support from the City of Seattle and others. The guide and resource kit are the result of 41 "community conversations" in Seattle and 17 of King County's 19 school districts. They were held in English, Cambodian, Oromo, Russian, Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese with input from more than 400 people. Parents served as facilitators for the conversations, which included a mix of parents, childcare providers, early childhood educators, and kindergarten teachers.

For more information about Getting School Ready or Project Lift-Off, call (206) 223-7660 x103, e-mail projectlift-off@cedriv.com, or go to www.projectlift-off.org on the Web. ♦



ONLINE ADDRESSES:

- * Seattle Public Library (www.spl.org)
- * King County Library System (www.kcls.org)
- * Family Centers (<http://archives.seattletimes.nwsources.com/cgi-bin/texis.cgi/web/vortex/display?slug=familylist06&date=20020406>)

Access City Government Services through the Citizens Service Bureau's TTY phone line

A reminder for anyone who needs access to City of Seattle services and information through the Citizens Service Bureau (CSB): the Bureau has a dedicated TTY phone number for the hearing and speech impaired.

CSB can handle almost any question you have that relates to the City of Seattle, including providing information on City ordinances, policies and procedures, registering your opinion about current City issues, or even making a complaint about a City of Seattle government department.s



During CSB working hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays), our team of investigators and representatives are standing

by to answer your call, unless they are all busy due to high call volume. In that case, just leave your number and we will call you right back.

We want to make sure every person in the City is able to get assistance to solve their problem or reach the appropriate department to address their concerns. The Citizens Service Bureau's mission is to help residents access City services, promote fairness, and provide exemplary customer service throughout Seattle City government.

You can find TTY phone numbers, and contact numbers for City and other government agencies on the Citizens Service Bureau website at www.cityofseattle.net/citizenservice. Click on "Information Guide" to find a wide variety of services and functions. For One-Stop City Service, call (TTY) (206) 615-0476 or (206) 684-CITY (2489) ♦

Link Light Rail Community Outreach Coming

Sound Transit Link light rail will be increasing community outreach efforts in the Rainier Valley to prepare the community for upcoming construction activities. This outreach will include two informational mailers and two public meetings over the next several weeks and extended Southeast Seattle Community Link office hours during the month of May. These efforts are intended to inform and build awareness in the Rainier Valley community of upcoming construction activities and the potential impacts and benefits of the project.

Link Light Rail will also be offering extended hours at the Southeast Seattle Community Link Office. The office is currently open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Throughout the month of May, the office will also be open Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Southeast Seattle Community Link Office is located at 4900 Rainier Ave. S. The telephone number is (206) 723-7900.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of this information, please feel free to e-mail or call Community Outreach Manager Kathy Albert at albertk@soundtransit.org or (206) 398-5456. ♦

Two Landmark First Hill Homes Open for Public Tours

The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and Historic Seattle have announced a new joint venture – public tours of two important Seattle historic homes, the Stimson-Green Mansion (1899-1901) and the Dearborn House (1907). In April, public tours began of the stately residences, which face each other at Minor Avenue and Seneca Street on First Hill. Larry Kreisman, local authority on Seattle's architectural history, guides the walkthrough tours, which provide insights into the architectural character and interior design features of both homes, as well as a lively look at the life and times of First Hill at the turn of the 20th century.

First Hill was the location of private clubs, important religious institutions, and swank hotels. It was also the city's premier residential enclave from the 1890s through the first decades of the 1900s; home to mayors, judges, industrialists, timber barons, and art collectors. Unfortunately, of the 40 or more large and prestigious homes and gardens that once graced the neighborhood, only four remain. Two of those four are closed to the public, but the residences built for C.D. Stimson and H. H. Dearborn, which now house the respective offices of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and Historic Seattle, afford Seattle residents an important link to their past. Both organizations are eager to share the rich architectural and social history of their homes and neighborhood with the widest possible public audience.

Please join Historic Seattle the second Tuesday of each month, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., and beginning in June, the fourth Sunday of the month, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., for a lively look at life then and now as portrayed by these two beautiful old homes. The cost is \$10 for the general public, \$8 for Historic Seattle and Washington Trust members. Space is limited to 25 people per tour and pre-registration is required. Tour proceeds will support the mission of Historic Seattle and the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, non-profit organizations dedicated to preserving historic places in Seattle and throughout Washington State.

To register, or for more information, call (206) 622-6952 or visit www.historicseattle.org. ♦



Dearborn House, photo courtesy of the Museum of History and Industry



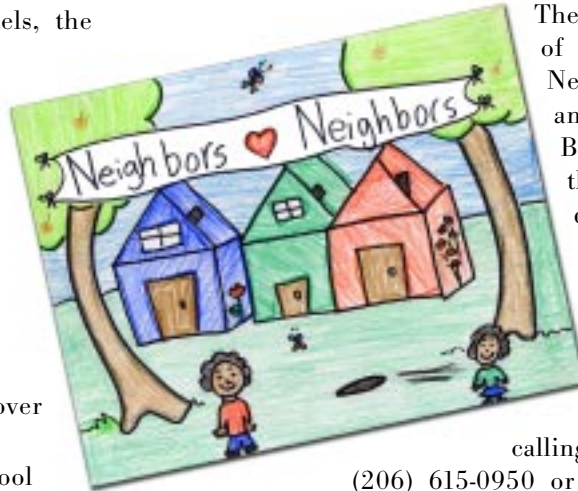
Stimson-Green Mansion, photo courtesy of the Dorothy Stimson Bullitt Archives

Let Your Neighbor Know You Care – Send a Department of Neighborhoods Greeting Card

Do you have a great neighbor? How about someone in your community whose work you admire? Why not send them a card to let them know how much they're appreciated. Mayor Greg Nickels, the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods, and SAFECO have teamed up to make colorful greeting cards available for residents, schools, and community organizations throughout Seattle that want to acknowledge the good work of their neighbors and others who make their neighborhood a special place to live.

The cards are blank inside and the cover features artwork by Lanisha Secrest, a fifth grader at Dunlap Elementary School in southeast Seattle and winner of a

citywide student art contest for the 2003 Neighbor Appreciation Day greeting card.



The cards are available at all 13 of the Department's Neighborhood Service Centers, and at the Citizens Service Bureau on the first floor of the Municipal Building in downtown Seattle. For a list of service centers, visit the Department of Neighborhoods website at www.cityofseattle.net/neighborhoods/nsc. You can also obtain cards by calling Natasha Jones at (206) 615-0950 or sending e-mail to natasha.jones@seattle.gov. ♦



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